GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Services - Agriculture & Cooperation Department – ACB (Trap) Case - Smt.Jukunta Sasi Bindu, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Pamarru, Krishna District and presently working as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), O/o ADA, Ramphachodavaram, Alluri Sitharama Raju District and OD at Korukonda, East Godavari District - Trapped by ACB authorities when demanded and accepted bribe - Disciplinary action initiated under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Charges held not proved – Dropping of further action - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.784 **Dated:08/09/2025**

Read the following:

1. Radio Message Received at 4.25 pm on 10.04.2017 from the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.
2. The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Procds.No.Vig.I (1)51/2017, dt.17.04.2017.
3. From the Director General, ACB, A.P., Vijayawada, Letter Rc.No.57/RCT-VKI/2017-S.9, dt.05.05.2017.
4. Govt. Memo.No.30021/16/2017 (Vig.I).2017, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.17.05.2017.
5. From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P.,Vijayawada, Lr.Rc.No.57/RCT-VKI/2017-S.9, dt.14.05.2018.
6. G.O.Rt.No.422, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.12.06.2018.
7. From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada Lr.Rc.No.57/RCT-VKI/2017-S9, dt.15.09.2021.
8. G.O.Rt.No.366, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.09.06.2022.
9. From the Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture Lr.No.Vig.I(1)51/2017, dt.08.09.2022 together with WSD of Charged Officer dt.29.07.2022.
10. G.O.Rt.No.14, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.04.01.2023.
11. G.O.Rt.No.15, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.04.01.2023.
12. Inquiring Officer Report Rc.No.Inquiry-1/ACB/2023, dt.27.12.2024.
13. Govt. Memo.No.AGST-30021/16/2017, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.26.02.2025
14. From the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Gunutr, Lr.No.Vig.I(1) 51/2017, dt.07.05.2025.

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada, has reported that, on 07.04.2017 at 14.30 Hours, Smt. Jukunta Sasi Bindu, was trapped by ACB authorities for demanding and accepting Rs.5,000/- from Sri Tammana Jagadeesh, S/o Durga Vara Prasad, Businessmen, R/o Chowdarypeta, Pamarru, Krishna District, to recommend and forward the file of Krishna Veni Seeds and Fertilisers, Pamarru for renewal of Pesticides License file and she was arrested and sent to Judicial remand and a case has been registered by the ACB/Officer Incharge of the Police Station, Deputy Superintendent of Police ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada, in Crime No. 05/RCT-ACB-VJA/20174 U/s 7 under 13(2) R/W 13(1) (D) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 of Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada Range. Based on the above radio message, in the reference 2nd read above, the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, has placed Smt.Jukunta Sasi Bindu, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Pamarru, Krishna District under suspension w.e.f.07.04.2017. Later reinstated the individual into service vide Govt. memo dt.22.05.2018.

2. In the reference 5th read above, the Director General, ACB, A.P., Vijayawada, has furnished Final report in the matter and recommended for Prosecution of the Accused Officer Smt.Jukunta Sasi Bindu, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Pamarru, Krishna District (U/s), in a Court of law u/s 7 and 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of the P.C.Act., 1988 and requested the Government to issue sanction order as required under section 19(1)(b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 for her prosecution in the Court of Law.

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3. In the reference 6th read above, the Government issued orders to initiate Disciplinary Proceedings against Smt. Jukunta Sasi Bindu, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture(R), Pamarru, Krishna District, under A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules 1991, instead of prosecution in a court of Law and the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, was requested to submit required material such as draft articles of charges, statement of imputation etc. along with its enclosures thereon to Government for taking further action in the matter. The Director General, ACB, Vijayawada vide reference 7th read above has furnished Draft Article of Charges together with required material to the Govt. for taking further necessary action.

4. Accordingly, in the reference 8th read above the Government have issued Article of Charge against Smt. Jukunta Sasi Bindu, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture(R), Pamarru, Krishna District through the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, as part of disciplinary proceedings, under A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, with a request to obtain her Written Statement of Defense (WSD).

5. The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, vide reference 9th read above, has furnished the dated acknowledgement along with Written Statement of Defense (WSD), dt.29.07.2022 of Smt. Jukunta Sasi Bindu, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Pamarru, Krishna District in which she has denied the Charge and requested to drop further action in the matter. The Written Statements of Defense of the Charged Officer is examined and found not convincing, the Government in the reference 10th read above, appointed Sri V.D.V.Krupa Das, Joint Director of Agriculture, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, as Inquiring Authority, under rule 20 (2) of A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, to conduct regular inquiry into the Articles of Charge issued against Smt.Jukunta Sasi Bindu, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture(R), Pamarru, Krishna District.

6. In the reference 11th read above, the Government have also appointed Sri P. Sarath Babu, Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Jain Colony, Gollapudi, Vijayawada as Presenting Officer, under rule 20(5)(c) of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, to present the case before the Inquiring Authority.

7. In the reference 12th read above, Sri V.D.V.Krupa Das, Joint Director of Agriculture, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur & Inquiring Authority, has submitted his Inquiry Report, wherein he concluded that, the charges is not held proved against Smt. J.Sasi Bindu, former ADA, (Regular), Pamarru, Krishna District.

8. In the reference 13th read above, the Government have communicated a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officer, Smt. J.Sasi Bindu, former Asst. Director of Agriculture, (Regular), Pamarru, Krishna District through the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, with a direction to submit her representation, if any, on the Inquiry Report.

9. In the reference 14th read above, the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has forwarded the representation submitted by the Charged Officer Smt.Jukunta Sasi Bindu, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Pamarru, Krishna District in which she has stated that she has no objection on the findings of the Inquiry Offcier mentioned in the Inquiry Report and requested to drop further action, duly exonerating her from the Articles of Charge issued.

10. The Government after careful examination of the matter, have accepted the findings of the Inquiry Authority and accordingly, hereby drop further action against Smt.Jukunta Sasi Bindu, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Pamarru, Krishna District and presently working as Asst. Director of Agriculture, O/o ADA, Ramphachodavaram, Alluri Sitharama Raju District and OD at Korukonda, East Godavari District, under A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 duly exonerating from the Articles of Charge issued against her.

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11. The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR
EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

Smt.Jukunta Sasi Bindu, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Pamarru, Krishna District and presently working as Asst. Director of Agriculture, O/o ADA, Ramphachodavaram Alluri Sitharama Raju District and OD at Korukonda, East Godavari District.
(through the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)
The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Director General, ACB, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, NTR Administrative Block, 2nd Floor, Vijayawada A.P.
The Prl. Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The District Treasury Officer, Krishna/ West Godavari District.
The District Agriculture Officer, Alluri Sitharama Raju Disttrict
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.V.C., 5thBlock, 1st Floor, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, A.P.
Sf/Sc. (203567)

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER